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In response to the December 16, 2002 Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-6.

Please add new claims 14-20:

14. In combination, a plurality of joint arrangements and a plurality of surface structures, the surface structures being intended for temporarily protecting and covering a ground surface, wherein:

each surface structure comprises:

one or more corners;

thermal insulation having at least one thermal insulation layer;

recesses formed at a bottom surface of the surface structure; and

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